

REMARKS

This is a response to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 21, 2004.

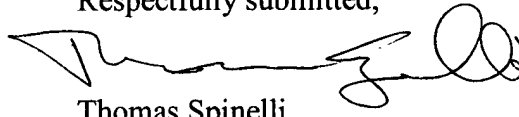
Claims 35-37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Without conceding to the propriety of the rejection, these claims have been amended in response to the Examiner's comments to improve clarity. Claims 38-40 have also been amended for consistency.

Claims 35-42 have been rejected under the doctrine of nonstatutory double patenting in view of the parent case, now U.S. patent 6,612,981. Applicants are filing a terminal disclaimer herewith to obviate the rejection.

In view of the above, each of the pending claims is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Early and favorable consideration are therefore respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if there are any further issues to address.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Spinelli
Registration No. 39,533

Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser
400 Garden City Plaza, Suite 300
Garden City, New York 11530
(516) 742-4343

TS/RH:kd